

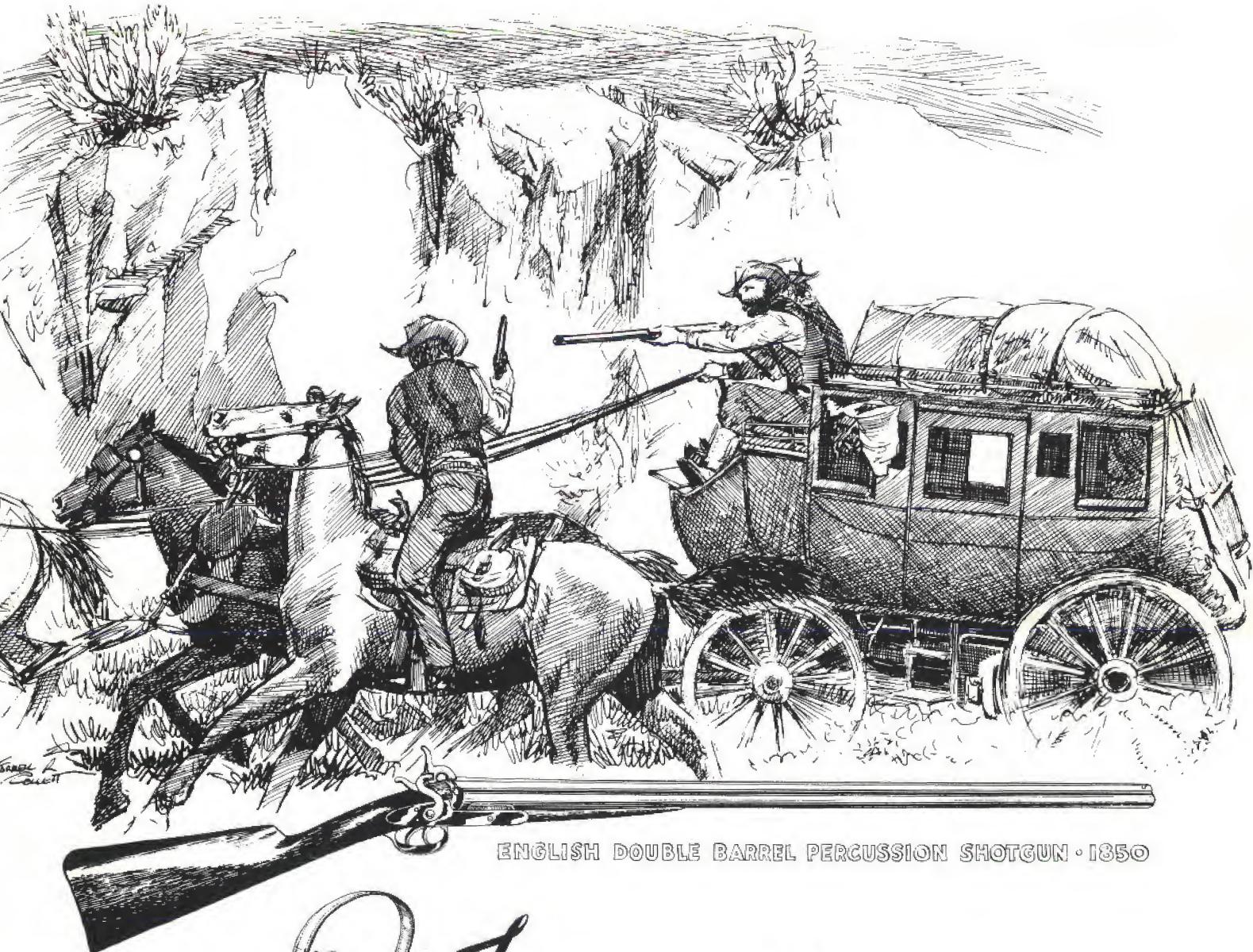
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**TAMED the WEST**



## The President's Message

*By John A. Shaw*

### VILLAGE MOVE ADVANCES

The annual national encampment marks the ending and the beginning of the S.U.P. year. As this year ends we note with satisfaction the progress in the moving of Pioneer Village to its new location in Farmington, and we enthusiastically approach the challenge of broadening the scope of our influence in future years by virtue of the added resources coming from the sale of the village. Virtually all of the museum artifacts are catalogued, crated and stored in bonded warehouses. Approximately half of the historic buildings have been moved to the new thirteen acre site east of Lagoon. In the three months since the contract agreement was signed, Peter Freed has made amazing progress towards the goal of opening the new and expanded Sons of Utah Pioneer Village in the spring of 1976 to commemorate the Bicentennial Year. Some fifteen new buildings are already under construction at the new site. Most are nearing completion and all are architecturally styled to the western American pioneer period. Along with the relocated buildings — which are all originals, not copies — this village will be recognized as one of the nation's outstanding collections of Western Americana.

The down payment of eighty-five thousand dollars made to the National Society has been deposited in interest-bearing certificates bringing an annual return of more than five thousand dollars.

### GIANT AMONG S.U.P..

Long ago Horace A. Sorensen was given the annual S.U.P. Outstanding Individual Award. Over the years no individual has done more than this man to strengthen the cause of Sons of Utah Pioneers. During a period of thirty years Horace Sorensen and his wife Ethel have virtually single-handedly collected and purchased the museum artifacts, acquired the pioneer buildings and at their own expense built this Pioneer Village. All of this they then gave as a free and outright gift to the

S.U.P. National Society. Not stopping with this beneficence, the Sorensens have continued through the years to operate and manage the village for the National Society and to pick up the bill for operational deficits, which have meant further annual contributions of from ten thousand to thirty thousand dollars.

In addition to his Pioneer Village Project, Brother Sorensen has served several terms as national president of the society and through his business, the Southeast Furniture Company, has been the largest advertiser in the Pioneer Magazine.

Horace Sorensen stands out as a giant among the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It gives us satisfaction to note that in a prominent place in the new Pioneer Village there will be a suitable bronze memorial giving tribute to Horace and Ethel Sorensen.

President Spencer W. Kimball recently has written a letter to Brother and Sister Sorensen commending them for the far-reaching impact of their contributions to the cultural life of this state. President Kimball's letter states, "Your involvement with Pioneer Village and Sons of Utah Pioneers has been a giant step forward for the community and the state."

We add our congratulations and appreciation to Horace and Ethel Sorensen on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

### COVER PICTURE

### The Guns That Tamed The West

A rattle of wheels, staccato of hooves, and the reeling and rolling of a flying coach in a choking cloud of dust heralds the headlong rush of the stage coach. A blast from the double barreled shotgun shatters the air, and the punctuating shots of pursuing renegades after the payroll or scalps puts the TV watcher on the edge of the overstuffed.

The performance is repeated, with variations, several times a week on the networks — and seems to go on forever. There was a time, though, when this was for real. Passengers bounced about with bone-jarring bumps, holding onto everything that might keep them from going through the roof of the coach, yet hoping with hearts in their throats that the man riding shotgun, the yelling, urging driver, and the lunging, sweating horses could get to the fort on time.

While a rifle could shoot a long distance, the bouncing, gyrating seat at the top of a stage coach made accuracy impossible. A shotgun with shot or buckshot discouraged the most fool-hardy attacker from getting within its range. A spray of shot hardly needed to be aimed, and the blast from a 10 or 12 gauge at close range could render a desperado unrecognizable to even his closest friends.

Passengers had a right to feel security on a hazardous trip against all but overwhelming odds when the driver of the stage had a rugged companion "riding shotgun."

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Community Service Is His Theme

# Mister S.U.P. Is Appreciated For His Generosity And For His Multiple Services

A banner year is unfolding for Horace A. Sorensen and his wife, the former Ethel Melville. Besides celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, the South East Furniture Co., which he founded in 1925, will have its fiftieth anniversary in September. In addition, their famous Pioneer Village is being transferred to more spacious quarters in Farmington, where it will be readily accessible to countless thousands of people.

Mr. Sorensen obviously inherited that great pioneer quality of being community conscious. He has focused much of his time on serving the best interests of the public. For example, consider the beautiful Sugar House Park, the widening of twenty-first South and thirteenth East streets, the development of better transportation and recreation. He served as chairman of Pioneer Craft House, founded and managed Pioneer Village, founded and directed the Railroad Museum at Corinne, Utah.

Numerous other positions of leadership in public service and improvement were filled by this forward-looking, successful businessman, such as: director for the Pony Express Centennial Association, president of Granite School district, chairman Salt Lake County Planning and Zoning, president Sugar House Chamber of Commerce, three times president of the National Society S.U.P., member of advisory committee for the Great Salt Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In 1950 Horace suggested that the Mormon Battalion be made a permanent organization. He still serves as an advisory officer to the national commander. At an annual meeting of the Battalion in 1973, Governor Calvin Rampton referred to Horace as Utah's No. 1 Citizen.

So it is no wonder that he was honored by the Sugar House Chamber of Commerce as "Mr. Sugar House." Paul Pehrson presented an appropriate plaque succinctly worded as follows:

*"In grateful acknowledgement for distinguished and unselfish service*



S.U.P. benefactors Ethel and Horace A. Sorensen enjoy their golden year of 1975.

*in the field of giving as well as the preservation of that which is so meaningful to mankind."*

The South East Showcase of Fine Home Furnishings, 2144 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, is unquestionably the ultimate in representing the application of successful management and business acumen. For this achievement we credit Horace.

It is my belief that Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen have attained even greater heights, and will be held in honorable remembrance even more for their public service by improving com-

munity living standards and by increasing our appreciation for our precious pioneer heritage. —Marvin E. Smith

(For further data, see President Shaw's message "Giant Among SUP" on page two).

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Pioneer Story Contest**LADIES WIN THREE OF FOUR MEDALS**

**TWILA D. WILKERSON** from Cedar City was awarded the gold medal for her true story entitled, "Come Springtime, Annie" which appears in this issue of *The Pioneer* magazine. This twenty-five year old mother of two sons has used her writing talent before. The *Ensign* magazine accepted three of her poems for publication. Her Church activities include 1st year Beehive advisor, drama director, and the writing of many roadshow scripts.

*See page nine for full text of story.*

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Four winners have been selected for the 1975 Pioneer Story Contest from one of the largest fields of contestants, it is reported by Dr. Oliver R. Smith, chairman of the committee. Three ladies swept the first three positions in the senior division while a young man was recognized in the junior group.

**ANN G. HANSEN**, mother of six children, penned the third place winning story entitled "Cupid Strikes in the Snow." Living with her husband in Preston, Idaho, she must be the busiest retired school teacher in the state with her multiple interests and hobbies. Her main interest is writing pioneer history. For her master's degree at U.S.U. she wrote about *Isolated Folklore* of her home town of Clarkston, Utah. She has contributed many articles to D.U.P. manuals and had two stories published by the Utah Folklore Society.

Mrs. Hansen's dream is to publish a book of pioneer stories which she has collected through the years.



**NANCY TWITTY WUDEL**, 28, is the mother of two daughters and the wife of an Orem High School Seminary teacher. They own Jimba's Restaurant in Provo. This second-place medalist has written film scripts and had several magazine articles published. She is a MiaMaid advisor and a visiting teacher in the Relief Society.

Mrs. Wudel has a degree in communications from B.Y.U. with a minor in speech and dramatic arts. Her hobby is the piano and organ. Other honors received include her listing in *Outstanding Young Women of America, 1970*, and the *Forace Greene Award* as BYU's outstanding journalism graduate for 1969.



**JOHN BECK**, 15, was the medalist in the junior division of the story contest. He is now in the tenth grade at Provo High School. He has shown ability in literary activities. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. Jay V. Beck.

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**Little-Known History About A Great World Champion****FROM PIONEER HEARTH TO PRIZE RING**

*By Oliver R. Smith*

*Vice President, SUP*

In the little village of Manassa, Colorado — one of the last of the Mormon pioneer settlements to be established in the West — there was born in 1895 a boy whose path was to lead eventually to the summit of the world of professional boxing. To become a world's champion seemed an unattainable ambition for a rural youngster like Jack Dempsey, but he achieved his "impossible dream" through the same kind of determination and hard work that characterized the pioneer background from which he came.

William Harrison Dempsey was the name given the ninth child born to Hyrum and Celia Smoot Dempsey, Mormon converts who had come from West Virginia about a dozen years earlier. Like others born in this remote settlement, he was delivered without skilled medical help, as the nearest doctor was many miles away — and those in humble circumstances could not afford such services, anyway.

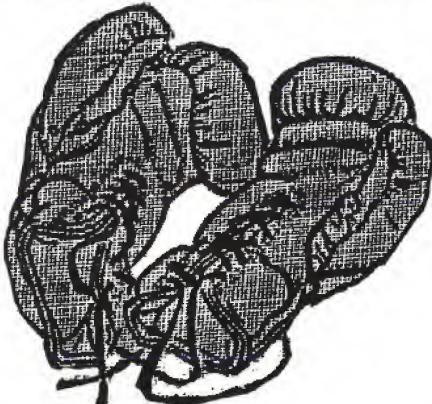
Consisting of only about 30 families at that time, Manassa was one of a little string of Mormon settlements which had been planted in the high San Luis Valley after the site was selected by an "exploring mission" in 1878-79. In 1882 Apostle Erastus Snow called Silas S. Smith from southern Utah to take his family and to serve as president of the new Stake of Zion to be established there. Other families from Iron and Sanpete counties were called to sell their homes and join the new pioneering mission — a pattern repeated many times in the days of Brigham Young and his successors. They lived in wagon boxes and tents until they could build their first homes of sawed logs which they brought from the nearby Conejos Canyon.

**MANASSA RECOMMENDED**

The next year Apostles Brigham Young Jr. and Heber J. Grant from Salt Lake City visited the valley to hold a church conference, and reported on their return that the San Luis Valley would be a desirable place for the settlement of new converts from the eastern and southern states who wanted

to come west. This had been recommended by John Morgan, president of the Southern States Mission, who at this time had a wife and children living at Manassa. So for several years during the 1880's a small migration was directed there each spring and fall, and the Mormons who were already established were called on to help care for the newcomers until they could get located on homesteads or in the local communities.

The Hyrum Dempseys were among the first to come. They had been living in Logan, W. Va., when they received the teachings of the Mormon missionaries, and the young father was anxious to move west with his wife and two children. He finally sold 300 acres of land he had inherited for the



sum of \$300, and used the money for a team and wagon with which to make the long journey. Of Irish ancestry, with some Jewish and Indian blood, he was a lean, wiry man of about six feet in height. When he worked with other Mormons cutting ties for the new Rio Grande Railroad, Bishop John Dalton said of him, "Hy Dempsey could make a tie quicker and better than anyone I ever saw!"

Although their families were poor, like most of the struggling settlers in the valley, young Harry Dempsey experienced the usual boyhood pleasures of growing up close to nature in that newly-settled country. There was some fishing and hunting, stalking the wild rabbits and prairie dogs, and playing simple games or testing their strength with other Mormon and Mexican boys of the area. As was customary, he was baptized at the age of eight and confirmed in the Manassa Ward.

**PROVO IS NEW HOME**

Harry's father had long had trouble making a steady living for his family, and his restless nature at length caused him to pull up stakes at Manassa and head further west. There was a succession of short stays in Colorado mining and railroad towns, and a couple of years of unsuccessful share-cropping and ranching. After that, the mother and family operated an eating house for railroad construction workers near Montrose for a year. When that project was finished in 1908, they headed west once more — this time to Provo, Utah where Celia Dempsey had some second cousins. (One of these was Reed Smoot, then serving as U.S. Senator from Utah.) In Provo they lived in several rented homes, first in the northeast outskirts of the town and later in the Lakeview farming section. They were among the Mormons again, and Harry was ordained a deacon and served in their local ward.

In all of these travels young Harry had to do his share of whatever work could be found for a boy — washing dishes, mining coal, blacking shoes, or unloading sugar beet cars at 10c a ton. But from an early age he had nurtured a dream of becoming a great prize fighter, and in his spare time sought coaching from his oldest brother, Bernie, who had boxed professionally for a time in the mining camps. Harry was strong, and tough, and he loved to box.

At the age of 15 young Dempsey was graduated from the 8th grade at Lakeview School and set off on his own. With Salt Lake City as a base, he spent the next five years moving around Utah, Nevada, and Colorado to work at odd jobs and fight occasional professional bouts when he could find them. At first some of these paid him only \$2.50 when he boxed in Utah under the name of Kid Blackie, but at 19 he acquired a manager and began earning some purses from which he could send a few dollars home. He also adopted the name of Jack Dempsey, previously used by his boxing brothers and three decades earlier by a prominent American middleweight.

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Sunrise Service  
Pioneer Day

## “Lest We Forget”

By Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

I congratulate the Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers who sponsor this annual gathering. The parade to be held today is an appropriate expression; but I am glad we have this meeting, held in this historic tabernacle, to commemorate the faith and the works of those who came here in 1847 and subsequent years, and who worked so hard to establish the foundation upon which our present society rests.

Following this meeting, at 8:00, the new Church Office Building will be dedicated. I cannot avoid noting the contrast between the little log house which stands over on the southeast corner of this square, built and lived in by a pioneer family, with the magnificent structure which today serves as the headquarters of the Church. That contrast illustrates, better than any other physical evidence of which I know, the tremendous growth from those pioneer beginnings.

### THE POWER OF FAITH

The power that moved our forebears was the mighty power of faith, the same power which made possible the exodus from Egypt, the passage through the Red Sea, the journey through the wilderness, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land.

It was by this same power that our forebears left Nauvoo and the beautiful lands of the Mississippi to travel to the shores of the Great Salt Lake. To me, it is a thing of never ending wonder that Brigham Young and his associates had the faith to move to these mountain valleys. Of course, there were others who traversed the continent, but for the most part they were small groups. The movement of our people involved an exodus of many thousands to a land which others thought barren and unproductive. Nevertheless, they came, putting their trust in God, that He would rebuke the sterility of the soil and temper the climate that they might be sustained and grow and become a



Elder Gordon B. Hinckley honors the Flag at Tabernacle.

mighty people here in the midst of the Rocky Mountains.

It was by the power of faith that they threaded their way up the Elk-horn and along the Platte, past Chimney Rock, and on to South Pass, down the Sweetwater to Independence Rock, and finally over Big Mountain and into this valley.

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And so this morning, as we remember with gratitude and reverence those who came here in 1847 and subsequent years, let us look to ourselves and cultivate within our own lives the great moving power which brought them and sustained them through sunlight and shadow as they struggled to lay the foundation of all the good that we enjoy. God bless us to this end, I humbly pray in the name of Him whom they worshipped, even the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Versatile Col. Fred M. Reese Honored For Services To Both Aged And Youth

Col. Fred M. Reese, genial chairman for the national SUP Encampment which will be held Sept. 10-13 in Kanab, has received two other honors in 1975.

At a convention held at the Salt Palace he was selected as the outstanding Senior Citizen from Kane County and recognized for his civic and community services. He was 76 years of age on April 12 this year.

### SILVER BEAVER PRESENTED

The coveted Silver Beaver was awarded to Col. Reese this spring at the annual Fellowship Banquet held at BYU by the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America. His wife Elva was presented with a Silver Fawn. Fred has served for sixty-four years in Scouting. Four years ago he was presented with a gold card which is symbolic of sixty years of consistent service to the youth. Probably no more than one man has come close to this service record in Utah.

### HAS INTEREST IN THE YOUNG

As early as 1915 Fred organized the Mutual Athletic Association and became its first president. This became the forerunner of M-Men athletic competition in the Salt Lake Stake. He coached church basketball for many years. Other church service included drama director, choir director, choir president, president of the Elders quorum and instructor for the Seventy's and High Priest groups.



*Elva and Fred M. Reese at the time he received his Silver Beaver award and certificate.*

### NATIONAL COMMANDER

Always active in the U.S. Mormon Battalion, Col. Reese is now heading the organization as national commander. In 1961 the Colonel headed a contingent of four bus loads of Battalion members who marched in the presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. Utah was proud of its representation that year. This is just one of numerous state and national public services rendered. Brother Reese was called to work with the Battalion by President David O. McKay. He is also serving his second term as chairman of the SUP national encampment. He holds SUP membership in the Red Rock chapter. He is a veteran of World War I.

### VARIETY IN WORK

Vocationally Fred had varied experiences: twenty years in advertising for the Deseret News, motel operator for ten years, publisher of a sports magazine, basketball coach for Ecker Studio, Henager Business College, American Fur Co., and for five years conducted tours through Capitol Reef and Monument Valley.

In 1917 he entered the amateur bike racing contest and won.



*Left to right: Jim and Carol Skaggs, Kanab, pose with her parents, Elva and Fred Reese.*

### LOVELY COMPANION

Col. Reese with his Welsh ancestry married one of Salt Lake's prettier girls from a Swedish lineage. They have been very compatible over the years and worked together enthusiastically. During these years Elva also used her talents as president of the Relief Society, the YWMIA, as a member of the Three Notes ladies trio and took parts in many operas and plays. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary only a few years ago. They are the parents of two sons, LaVar and Ralph of Salt Lake City, and a daughter Carol (Mrs. Jim Skaggs) of Kanab. In addition, the Reese's have 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Col. Reese has enough responsibility and activities to keep three younger men busy.

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**NAUGHTY! NAUGHTY!** . . .  
(Labor News item) — "Under the new law, if any official gets caught stealing, or misusing union funds, he will have to give them back!" . . . Let that be a lesson to you fellows!

**U.S. Mormon Battalion****ON THE TRAIL****LAST MINUTE REMINDERS**

WITH THE KANAB ENCAMPMENT upon us, be sure that you have made: 1) Motel reservations, 2) Reservations for the various activities, and 3) Called Elmer B. Jones (486-0021) for a place on the bus. He has filled one already and has some seats left on the second bus which will also leave Wednesday morning September 10, at 8 a.m. from the Lewis Bros. Garage, 649 W. 500 S., Salt Lake City. You may leave your car in the Lewis Bros. lot until you return.

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PRES. JACK SHAW suggested to the national board at the July meeting that a top echelon officer of the Mormon Battalion be made a vice president. This would give representation to the widely scattered group. It is also a token recognition for the consistent dependable services of the USMB.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO COL. FRED M. REESE, national commander on his awards during 1975. See story in this issue.

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Have you noticed what a fine piece of reporting KEN CLEMENTS, Anaheim, California, did on the Fort Moore Memorial in Los Angeles? He was thorough and told of the outcome in the preceding issue.

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THE SUNRISE SERVICE on Pioneer Day was outstanding again, due to the management of the Pioneer Chapter, with Warren B. Davis as president. The committee was composed of Lorin D. Wiggins, Richard W. Moyle, Rees J. Jensen, Bill Carlton, Randall L. Hall and Phillip R. Rasmussen. I still say that this event comes the closest of all activities to capturing the real spirit of the Days of '47.

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THE FLAG ceremony and pledge of allegiance was conducted by our men in uniform under the command of Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones, C.O. He



*The Flag detail stands ready to present the colors at Sunrise Service.*

was assisted by Capt. Veron P. Curtis, Lt. Bill Erickson, Sheldon Green, Robert M. Smith and Marvin E. Smith.

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L.T. AND MRS. GEORGE A. RICKS of Lehi are home following their mission service. And just in time to enjoy their golden wedding anniversary.

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EUGENE B. DUFFIN was recently re-elected as chairman of the Salt Lake County Library Board. This is the fifth year he has been so honored.

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P.S. REMEMBER to take your uniforms to assist in the flag ceremony and parade. The ladies will want to wear their long dresses for the Saturday night banquet and military ball.

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COMPANY A, with arrangements made by Sheldon R. Brewster, held a pleasant summer picnic in August at the home and garden of Dean and Bernice Andrus. It was the largest attendance of the past few months.

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MRS. WILFORD A. BEESLEY, Jr., former star of Promised Valley, sang some much appreciated numbers at a summer gathering of the Battalion. Her mother-in-law was the accompanist. Rudy and Millie Christiansen's two daughters entertained with a puppet show. Gene Duffin was the capable emcee.

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*Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones conducts Pledge of Allegiance at Sunrise Service.*

MAJOR MANCE H. AND LELA VAUGHT wrote recently from Jasper National Park in Alberta, Canada. He wasn't quite sure whether he would make it back to Utah in time for the Encampment. Read his "Historical Highlights" in this magazine.

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OUR APPRECIATION goes to JOY DUNYON and the Days of '47 committees for the tremendous lineup of activities. The Parade (Third largest in U.S.) was larger than usual this year, and of excellent quality.

Winning Pioneer Story

# "COME SPRINGTIME, ANNIE"

By Twila D. Wilkerson

It was the last bag that did it. In setting her back to heave the travel-weary carpet bag onto the wagon, she suddenly stopped, staring in sadness at the old satchel ("A weddin' gift, Ann. Come over from England with your father. I know it ain't much, but . . ."). Sinking heavily to the ground, oblivious to the cold, her fingers traced the needlework.

How incredibly unfair it all was, she thought. They had come so far — all the way from Beaver to Salt Lake, in hopes of finding work for Neils. Winters in Beaver never were kind and the year of 1860-61 had been no better. Many families would be hungry before spring. Seeing his wife carrying their first child, Neils had been moved to action by the threat of hunger ("Can't stay, Annie. With the baby coming and all . . ."). During the long, cold January trip to Salt Lake she had been careful not to mention the possibilities of finding jobs to be scarce. Now with February almost over her worst fears were confirmed. They would return now to Beaver and face what was sure to be a late, cold spring with precious little food.

#### LIMITED MENU

Rising awkwardly from the frozen ground, she gazed with tear-filled eyes at the 50-pound sack of flour and an even smaller sack of salt pork in the back of the wagon. It was all the food they had left after their long stay. It will just have to do, she thought, stiffening her back and tossing the carpet bag in alongside the sacks of food. Then, almost defiantly, she climbed onto the wagon seat and watched in silence as Neils finished hitching the horses ("Tired, Annie?"). It was going to be a long ride home.

Ann Jane Willden Johnson. It is a good name, she thought. A strong name, joining two families whose heritages have combined to create a new life in southern Utah. Memories of her father Charles T. Willden came flooding into her mind. Memories of a tall slender man with stern lines set into his face, feverishly working to build a shelter for his large family after

arriving in Cedar City in the fall of 1852. Memories of an enterprising man who brought the first sheep ever into Iron County ("Ann, girl, tend to yer lamb . . ."). From Charles' ten sheep, soon every family in Cedar City had at least one or two lambs in their back yard.

Memories of the terrible winter of 1853 when her mother gave birth to her last child, Louisa. Ann could still see so clearly her mother's tired face, pinched and drawn with sickness a few weeks after the baby came. She remembered the endless family washing that she herself had to attend to as a child of eight. With the strong lye soap eating sores into her hands, sores that didn't have time to heal before the next washing, Ann could still see her mother crying weakly as she watched her little daughter's fingers bleed into the wash water.

#### CEDAR IRON PLANT STOPS

And then there was the winter of 1859, just two years ago, when the iron works failed. The main income of almost every family in Cedar City simply wasn't there anymore ("The Taylors just pulled out . . ."). Great numbers moved away to find a new life, including her own family. The Willdens had sadly left their home and moved to the badlands below Beaver. That's where they were now, even though the land was harsh and unyielding. Beaver had proven fruitful only for Ann. It was there that she met Neils Johnson, and at the age of fourteen had become his wife.

She smiled to herself as the wagon jerked down into Utah Valley and dusk began to darken the snow-covered fields. Things were about to come full circle, she thought. They were going home, and in two short months she would be a mother. Life would be so good, she thought, if only they could make it through the winter. "Things will be better come springtime, Annie," Neils was always saying.

Through the long days and nights on the road, it seemed that her only real solace was the hope of spring. Day after day the freezing wind across the open plains tore at her skirts and stung tears into her eyes. "When spring comes" preceded all her thoughts.

One morning after camping a few miles south of Fillmore for the night, they awakened to an ominous, cloud-thickened sky. As the wind lashed at the folded bedding in the wagon, thoughts of spring fled while she and Neils raced to find shelter before the impending blizzard struck. For nearly ten miles Neils drove the team mercilessly, laying the whip sharply into their backs in hopes of reaching a place called Cove Creek. There, in the autumn before, Ann's father had built a home planning to return in the spring to run sheep. The house still lacked doors and windows, but at least it had a roof and walls.

The roof was white, endlessly white. It seemed to Ann as though the jolting would never cease ("Hold tight, Annie. . .") Sharp pains shot like icy fingers

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### OLD FORT SITE, OLYMPUS JR. HIGH SCHOOL

*Information compiled for Holladay Chapter by Arthur J. Wagstaff*

The Holladay Chapter members have recently installed a plaque indicating the approximate location of the old fort site. Recorded evidence and history of this part of Big Cottonwood or Holladay history is not plentiful, however, an attempt is made to record the evidence and information available.

During the year of 1945 the Fifth Anniversary of Big Cottonwood Stake was observed, and a publication at that time recounted some of the history of the area from time of settlement to that date. Under a sub-heading of "Forts Built" the following is recorded. "The one in Holladay covered about four acres of ground. The walls were made of mud and straw. They were about eighteen inches at the base and tapered as they extended upward to a height from five to six feet. There were two portholes in the south wall. They were about two feet square on the inside and tapered to a very small hole at the outside. The William Casto home formed part of the wall."

In an interview with Milo Andrus on January 10, 1933, he said, "I remember going to meeting in the school house on the fort at Holladay. The house was built by William Covert for a dwelling. That house stood a little north of where the school now stands." (Olympus Junior High School). At another time in 1931 when Milo Andrus was speaking to the Daughters of the pioneers, he said, "The fort was closed in on three sides; the north side was left open."

It took two years to build the fort at Holladay. Some of those who

helped in the building were Ezekiel Lee, Rodney Badger, Lyman Stevens, George Boyes, William S. Covert, William Hutchins, William Riter, C. A. Harper, David Brinton, Solomon Chase, Winslow Farr, William Casto, Robert Covington, William Hyde, and William Bringhurst. The fort however, was not needed for protection against the Indians, for they proved friendly."

The following information and sketch was obtained from Leona Andrus Taylor, who obtained it from her father Milo Andrus about 1931 to 1933. The fort was built about 1853. The south wall of the fort was built where the northern boundary line of the church lot now extends. The west wall extended just west of the school building to the north side of the school lot. The north side was the boundary line of the present school lot and extended east into what is now Jensens' property. The east wall was never built and the north wall was never completed.

LDS History Cottonwood Stake — Big Cottonwood Ward — 1853 p. 36 has the following item: Fort in Big Cottonwood Ward — 1853 — now Holladay. "In 1853, at the time of the Walker Indian War, the people on the big Cottonwood commenced to build a fort. The walls on the south and west lines of the same were nearly completed, but only a few of the settlers moved into the fort. This fort enclosed part of the ground where the present Ward meeting house now stands. About this time also the first school house was exchanged for a small adobe building for a private residence standing on the fort site, which was used for all public purposes until a regular meeting house was erected in 1861."

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### TEMPLE FORK

*Wesley Reese shares the words of this song, which is sung often at Chapter meetings. The author, Harvey Allred, is a member of the Temple Fork Chapter in Logan. — Ed.*

### SONS OF THE PIONEERS

*by Harvey Allred*

*(Tune:*

*Let the Rest of the World Go By)*  
We will stand firm and true  
In all that we do  
As we journey on our way.  
We will uphold the right  
From morning till night  
In things we do and say.

*(Chorus)*

With love in the home  
We'll ne'er want to roam.  
And peace will there abide  
With loved ones by our side,  
With faith secure  
We can endure  
All the cares and sorrows that betide.  
Our parents have trod  
With faith born of God  
Thru all the worry, pains, and fears  
We'll keep our faith worthily  
That others may see  
For we're the sons of the pioneers.

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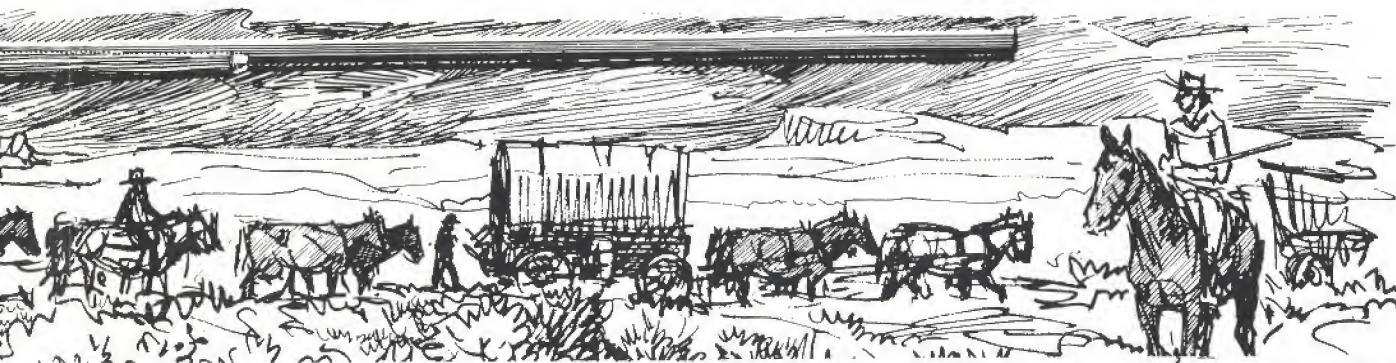
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## LAND VIEWS

### FORTY YEAR OLD CHARTER FOUND

To: National SUP Board

With this letter I am turning over to you the charter and the list of members of the Highland Park Camp, SUP.

The charter given over the signatures of Nephi L. Morris, president and Richard H. Wooton, secretary, January 14, 1935, for the national organization SUP. Also, there is brought to you the lovely double frame that these were in, made without charge for the Highland Park Camp SUP by David Welchman of native Utah cedar wood. These were hung in the Highland Park Ward chapel during the few years of the life of the Highland Park Camp, then they disappeared.

When the Camp was discontinued sometime around 1940, as the camp secretary, I turned over to the national SUP all the camp records and remaining money and tried to find the framed charter and list of charter members to return to the national but was unable to find it. I have continued to look for them personally in the chapel, storerooms and made inquiry down through the years of the Bishoprics and caretakers and former members with no results.

About 6 months ago I acquainted Mrs. Joseph B. Record, librarian of the Highland Park Ward, with my search for these things along with any historical artifacts that might be found and could be presented to Church Curator for preservation. This week she phoned me, thrilled to report that she and her husband had found them in the Relics Store of their Uncle, Hubert E. Record at 2615 South State Street, who says they came into his possession

The Board of Directors of Sierra Chapter met on July 15 at the home of Chapter President, Earl J. Taylor to discuss future activities and projects. Ben Lofgren was put in charge of our next Chapter meeting to be held at Pleasant Valley to commemorate the original gathering of members of the U.S. Mormon Battalion prior to commencing their Trek to the Salt Lake Valley in 1848.



*One of the historic sites visited by the Sierra chapter recently. It is located at Genoa, Nevada.*

about a year ago from someone whose identity he does not remember.

— played and preserved by the National SUP.

Sincerely,

*Ray L. Alston*

Ray L. Alston  
Member & Past President  
Salt Lake City Chapter, SUP



It is certainly my recommendation that the frame be paid for by the National SUP, restored to the original finish, the one broken pane of glass replaced and all appropriately dis-

### SIERRA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

#### CARSON VALLEY TREK

A busload of Sierra Chapter members travelled via Highway 50 to the Mormon Station Museum under the leadership of Earl J. Taylor, chapter president and Ben E. Lofgren, guide. In addition to becoming well informed on early pioneer history of the area, Ben explained the geologic formations and history and pointed out interesting flora and fauna along the route. A nice picnic was enjoyed by all at Mormon Station, Genoa, Nevada. A visit was made to the Nevada State Museum in Carson City and the group returned to Sacramento through Reno and Interstate Route 80.

#### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Since our last meeting, Life Membership pins and certificates have been received for I. Homer Smith and Dr. Evan K. Perkins. We congratulate them for the support they give to Sierra Chapter and the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

# Jack Dempsey Becomes World Champion

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## WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP

In 1916 Jack entered an agreement with a new manager in California which within a few years would make them both rich. Jack Kearns arranged bouts through which his young boxer was able to advance along the difficult road among the ranking heavyweights, and finally to secure a match with the reigning champion, six-foot-six Jess Willard. On July 4, 1919, Jack shattered the Kansas Giant with a knockout at the end of the third round at Toledo, and ascended the pinnacle of the boxing world. He became the idol of the public during the Golden Age of American sports, and the writers gave him a new sobriquet — the Manassa Mauler. He drew the first three million-dollar gates in ring history in title defenses against Georges Carpentier, 1921, Luis Firpo, 1923, and Gene Tunney, 1926. His loss to Tunney, the methodical ex-Marine, ended Dempsey's seven-year reign.

Although Jack lost the title at this time, he didn't lose the support of the fans. Against another contender, Jack Sharkey, he drew another million-dollar gate the following spring, and then signed for a rematch with Tunney in September.

At this time Jack's path crossed with that of a former boyhood playmate from Manassa, and the ensuing events showed that he had not forgotten his Mormon beginnings. This was Don Mack Dalton, the bishop's son, who in the meantime had served a church mission and had come to Utah after serving overseas in World War I. To earn money for his law studies at the University of Utah, Mack had turned his experience as an Army boxer into some success in the prize ring. In 1923 Jack made a stop in Salt Lake City, where his mother then lived, and joined Mack Dalton, Ira Dern, and other boxing friends in workouts at Beck's Hot Springs.

## MACK ASSISTS JACK

It was the second mission of Don Mack Dalton which led to the 1927 meeting of the two men from Manassa. While Mack was serving as first counselor to the Bishop of the Burton Ward in Salt Lake City, the Church

requested that one member of each bishopric be made available for service on a six-month mission. He volunteered and was called to the Eastern States Mission, but arranged for a delay en route until after Sept. 22, 1927. That was the date set for Dempsey's return bout with Tunney in Chicago, and Mack had an opportunity to help him prepare for the match. He reported in late August to the Dempsey training camp at Lincoln Fields near Chicago, and became one of the sparring partners with whom Jack would box in his workouts. Interest in the approaching bout was so keen that several thousand spectators came out each day and paid fifty cents or a dollar each to watch the proceedings. Mack received \$100 per week for his services.

Billed as the "Second Battle of the Century," the title bout drew a record attendance of 104,943 and \$2,658,660 in gate receipts at Soldier Field. Despite his controversial "long count" knock-down in the seventh round, Tunney won the match by decision and retained the title. Dempsey, then 32, decided to end his active boxing career.

## JACK ASSISTS MACK

After reporting to the mission headquarters in New York Mack made a call on Jack at his hotel there. They discussed the future plans of both, and Jack expressed pleasure at his friend's mission call. Before parting, he took out a roll of bills, peeled off eight \$100 notes, and placed them in Mack's hand. "I'm proud to be a Mormon, but I can't serve a mission. Maybe this will help you in yours," he said. It did. It helped Mack fill an assignment from the mission president to travel around its ten-state area in a supervisory capacity to assist the younger missionaries. At the end of the six months he made a visit also to the Dempsey family kinfolk who were still living in Logan County, W. Va.

Soon after returning to Utah, Mack received his third mission call, and served as president of the South African Mission, 1929-34. Then he resumed his law practice in Utah. Jack had previously purchased a home for his mother in Murray, and later one in

Salt Lake City, and Mack visited her frequently in her later years. When she died in 1943 at the age of 87, Jack requested Mack to dedicate the grave.

Fifteen years later Jack was in Utah for the occasion of a testimonial dinner in his honor, marking his recognition by the national press as the greatest fighter of the half-century. Before this event Mack arranged a special audience for him with President David O. McKay of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and took him to the Church Office Building on June 6, 1958. Afterward he wrote the following account:

## DEMPSEY MEETS PRES. MCKAY

"As Jack came into the foyer, President McKay came to the door leading to his reception room. Jack extended his hand and President McKay took it in both of his and said: 'I've always wanted to meet you.' He acted just like everyone else does when meeting Jack. And Jack said to him that he was very happy, proud, and honored to meet the president. We sat down and started to talk.

"I mentioned that for many years I had worked for this meeting; that I hoped for Jack to go on a mission for the Church as he is so widely known and respected and could advertise the Church far and wide and influence many people. Jack was eager to talk about it, but his sincerity and modesty prompted him to come clean with this great man of God, and he said: 'President McKay, I smoke a little and drink a little and am not active in the Church.'

"The President took it all in stride, when I spoke up and said: 'He doesn't do it much, but one thing about it, he is an honest man. There are thousands who break the Word of Wisdom who wouldn't be as honest as Jack.' At this point both smiled and it was concluded that Jack's participation in the forbiddin things during his life would have had to be the minimum, because he couldn't have become champion of the world and dissipated very much.

"President McKay had been to Manassa to conference as a general authority and understood the surroundings. Jack and I spoke about our

means of transportation, as in our young days things were so hard we couldn't own a riding pony like the other kids, but as we could buy a burro for a quarter, or trade a pocket knife for such a steed, we had to be satisfied with a slower mount. Yet it gave us the advantage of riding closer to the ground! This talk created interest in President McKay, who told us about his ranch at Huntsville and about his horses. Then he said: 'You know, that riding pony of mine keeps getting higher and higher, and the other day I could hardly get on him because he was so high. But I finally made it.' He then said he was 84 years of age.

#### MAX BAER HONORS JACK

"On June 11, 1958 at the Ogden Golf and Country Club, several hundred friends of various faiths, businesses, and professions assembled for a dinner to honor Jack Dempsey. It was not a religious gathering, and Max Baer was there to make things merry — which he did. However, after many tributes were paid to Jack, Max was asked to say a few words. He called Jack 'Brother Dempsey', and spoke with wit and facetiousness until he got down to the real Dempsey. His eyes filled, his lips quivered, his facial muscles relaxed, and he looked at the man who was his ideal in life and who had helped him to become a world champion himself, and said: 'Partner, when the good Lord made you He threw away the pattern.' Then he walked over to Jack, kissed him, and sat down and cried.

"It was Jack's turn to speak. He thanked so many for coming to pay him honor, and made each one feel he had a special interest in their mutual friendship; that he wanted each one to



Erstwhile boyhood friends Don Mack Dalton (left) and Jack Dempsey (right) enjoyed a visit with David O. McKay in the church president's office on June 6, 1958.

be happy and to enjoy this life. And at nearly 63 he acknowledged that time was getting short for us all. He then started to talk about his meeting with President McKay, and that he felt happy to have been so close to him. As he continued he told of the Church and what it meant to him, and how proud he was to be a Mormon boy. He further said that many times the Church had given food, clothing, and warmth to his family when they were in dire need in the early days, and that he was one who needed such things and they were supplied liberally by the members of the Church. He referred to the steadfastness of his mother as a Mormon; that she tried to live the gospel and gave him inspiration and helpful teachings."

#### JACK MEETS PRES. KIMBALL

The boxer and the missionary from Manassa both turned 80 this year. Mack is retired from his legal work and lives with his wife Genevieve at their home in Pleasant Grove, Utah. Jack lives quietly in New York with his wife, Deanna, and earlier this year was a special guest at the opening of the new LDS Church information center near Lincoln Center. One of those who shared a warm handclasp with him was President Spencer W. Kimball, another son of Mormon pioneers. He, too, like Jack, was born in 1895.

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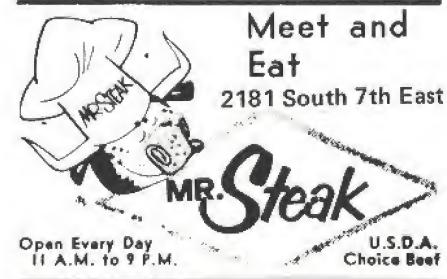
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## PIONEER CHAPTER — TWO FOR MISSION CALLS



*President and Sister Douglas A. Smith.*

The First Presidency has announced the appointment of Douglas Allan Smith of Salt Lake City to be the new president of the Church's England London Mission.

President Smith, 50, is the son of the late Joseph Fielding Smith, the 10th president of the Church, and the grandson of Joseph F. Smith, sixth president of the Church, both of whom were Mormon missionaries to England. He is also a great-grandson of Hyrum Smith, the brother of the Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith, the first president of the Church when it was organized in 1830.

The new mission leader is assistant secretary of Beneficial Life Insurance Company. He will succeed Robert L. Simpson.

Both the new mission president and his wife are graduates of University of Utah. He currently serves the Church as first counselor in the Bonneville Stake presidency, served seven years as bishop of Bonneville Ward, was a missionary in the Northwestern States as a young man, and is a guide on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe in World War II.

Mrs. Smith is a teacher in the Relief Society and has taught in other church organizations. She is a private violin teacher and for 15 years was a violinist with the Utah Symphony Orchestra which will perform in London June 2. The Smiths have five children.

Brother Smith is a former president of the Pioneer Chapter and also served on the national board S.U.P.



*President and Sister Roger L. Hansen.*

Roger L. Hansen, active member of the Pioneer chapter S.U.P., has been named by the First Presidency to be the new president of the Church's Denmark Copenhagen Mission. He will replace President Grant R. Ipsen who will be released in July.

Now an Elders Quorum president in Mount Olympus First Ward, he has served the Church as a missionary to Denmark, Stake YMMIA superintendent and Aaronic Priesthood advisor, and teacher and officer in Church auxiliaries. He is promotion manager for Murdock Travel.

He is married to the former Kathleen Giles of Ogden, and they are the parents of three children.

Mrs. Hansen served a mission in the Eastern States, is now Junior Sunday School coordinator and has been in presidencies of Relief Society and Primary, and in leadership, teaching, and music capacities in all Church auxiliaries.

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### Watch For This Feature At Kanab

Have you any photo slides taken at past encampments of the SUP? They may become part of a new pictorial feature of the 1975 encampment if you submit them in time for selection for this purpose.

In July the Society president invited chapters to bring interesting slide transparencies with them to Kanab. They should be given by Friday night (September 12) to Vice President Oliver R. Smith who will be staying at the Four Seasons Motel or mailed to him in advance at 970 N. 1200 E., Provo, Utah. Slides must be 2 x 2 inch size, and be identified with name of owner and subject matter.

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# Mantua, The Gateway Between Brigham City and Cache County

by James H. Miller

Mantua is five miles east of Brigham City, beautifully located — good land and good climate. Strawberries are unequalled for size and flavor. Prior to 1863 it was called Little Valley. Abraham Hunsaker had a summer home there. His family went each summer and made butter and cheese from milk produced by his own cows. In 1863 he was asked by President Brigham Young to give it up and take up Honeyville and its springs, now called Crystal Springs, so that immigrants from Scandinavian countries could settle in the little valley. He obeyed.

The emigrants divided it up and fenced it. They made irrigation ditches and used all the springs. And they had very good crops.

The names given of the first settlers are:

<i>John Nessen</i>	<i>Niels C. Schow</i>
<i>Rasmus N. Jeppesen</i>	<i>Peter C. Jensen</i>
<i>Peter Olsen Hansen</i>	<i>Peter Jensen</i>
<i>Neils Nielson</i>	<i>Jens Keller</i>
<i>Fred Sorensen</i>	<i>Lars Anderson</i>
<i>Lars J. Halling</i>	<i>Peter F. Petersen</i>
<i>Thomas Anderson</i>	<i>N. A. Jeppesen</i>
<i>John Johnson</i>	<i>August Nichols</i>
<i>Jorgen Hansen</i>	<i>and families</i>

In 1864 some families moved away to Bear Lake country. More people moved in from Brigham and

organized a townsite — one street running North and South. This made a good road from Box Elder County to Cache Valley.

In 1865, the people arranged a holiday; President Lorenzo Snow and Jonathan C. Wright were present. The celebration was held on the high knoll east of what is now the big reservoir. Lorenzo Snow dedicated the land and water that it might be a blessing to the people. He named this knoll Mount Hope, in honor of his birth place in Ohio.

The settlement of Mantua started the people raising flax to be used by the Brigham City Co-op. Hans Jensen was appointed to oversee this work. In 1864 Lars Halling had less than a half acre of flax — he raised 20 bushels of flax seed. The flax was prepared for spinning by Peter Olsen Hansen who learned the trade in Denmark. The coarser part was spun and woven into cloth from which grain sacks were made. The finer parts were spun into threads used for sewing purposes. For many years the work was carried on successfully by many of these settlers. This flax industry was new to the state of Utah.

Many of these men drove teams during the 60's back to the Missouri River to help emigrants come to Utah.

In the 70's a call came from the presidency of the church for men to settle in Arizona. N. P. Jeppson, Sr., and Eskel Eskelson answered the call and spent two years there. They furnished their own teams, wagons, implements, and provisions and money for all transportation.

From 1863 to 1877, Mantua was a branch of the Brigham ward. H. P. Jensen was presiding elder. James Keller and R. N. Jeppson were counselors. Later it was made a ward with Bishop Peter C. Jensen. Lars A. Larsen and Peter Jensen were counselors. And Lars J. Halling was clerk. Mr. Halling held this position for 40 years. In 1922, he was the only survivor of the original pioneers.

Mantua was considered a part of Brigham City and had one member in the City Council until 1911. When Mantua was incorporated, A. E. Jensen was president of the board.

On July 16, 1921, Mantua completed its water system, which cost \$20,270.97. They held a big party in the amusement hall.

During 1914 a modern electric lighting system was installed at a cost of \$3,000,000. The power was purchased from the Utah Power and Light Company.



Wilford D. and Lorine H. Lee celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with friends in Provo on August 23, 1975.

Mr. Lee also published a book titled "Control of Children Through Love and Counseling." This could be a nice gift for young couples.



Shown at left is Arthur Wagstaff, author, and President E. N. Howard of the Holladay chapter. The plaque marks the Old Fort Site.



President Ted Cox of the SUP Red Rocks chapter, Kanab, Utah. This is the host chapter for the 1975 Encampment.

## LIFE MEMBER ROSTER EXPANDS

In the last issue of *The Pioneer*, several new life members were listed, the last one bringing the total to 173. We are pleased to announce that since that time the ranks have been augmented by the following:

**MOYAL P. ANDERSON** of Riverton, Utah, has long been an active and loyal member of the Temple Quarry Chapter. He has served on various committees and for the past year has acted as president of this enthusiastic Chapter. Moyal has also been a long time member of the Lions Club, holding positions in both the local and district organizations. A scouter, and interested in camping, he has also been called on to serve as a ward clerk, as president of an Elders quorum, and a ten year period in the presidency of his quorum of Seventy.

**ELVEN E. HARDY.** This Salt Lake resident becomes a life member without having previously been affiliated with a local chapter. His application came because of his interest in genealogy and pioneer history. While living in Carbon County he was instrumental in creating interest in improving the care of graves of early residents. This hobby has continued locally and should be rewarded by improvement in the care of a number of pioneer plots in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

**RICHARD L. BAUER** was a member at large in the S.U.P. for only a few months when he decided to become a life member. Born in Lehi, Utah, forty-one years ago, he is now a prominent citizen of American Falls, Idaho. He is president and general manager of the Bauer Chevrolet Company of American Falls and is a charter member of the Idaho State Board of Aeronautics. He is secretary of the Annie Laurie Consolidated Mining Co. and a member of the Executive Board, Idaho State Republican party. He is a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge 58, A.F. and A.M. and the American Legion.

**BRUCE E. ALLEN** made application for a life membership early in August, just as material for this issue of *The Pioneer* was ready for the printer.

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## William Hone at 100 Walks Two Miles Every Day Barefooted — For Exercise

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah — Albert Schoenfeld, who died in his Salt Lake City home last year at the age of 104, was generally regarded as the most active centenarian in this "realm of the Beehive." Now the honors must go to William H. Hone of Pleasant Grove who, at 100, walks two miles barefooted every day and operates his large garden with a roto tiller.

On his 100th birthday, Mr. Hone was honored at a reception in the Pleasant Grove Stake Center, where his five living children, 29 grandchildren, 113 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren celebrated the gala occasion.

He was born November 21, 1874, in Benjamin, Utah County, son of George and Jane Hone who came from England. He married Adele Richardson who helped him with his little business of raising bees and chickens. He spaded his garden by hand until he was 95, when he decided the roto tiller "could do the job just faster and easier."

The kindly, friendly and very-much alert Mr. Hone remembers meeting Porter Rockwell, noted Utah frontiersman and one-time body guard to the Prophet Joseph Smith. He remembers that Rockwell had long-black hair and had 21 notches on his gun, but he told the young Mr. Hone he had "never shot a man except in self-defense."

William H. retains his sense of humor. He recalled that he had been stung by his bees many times, but found that bee sting in the bloodstream is good for rheumatism.

"I've seen lots of changes," the old gentleman recalls. "We started out riding horses, then we had buggies. Then came the automobile and the airplane and now we have satellites on which our men fly to the moon."

He wears a hearing aid and glasses and looks more like a man of 60 than a centenarian. How does he do it: "I have always kept the Word of Wisdom, which I regard as the Lord's own law of health."

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If you want a good speaker, call NEWELL KNIGHT, former city historian at 359-5207.

Congratulations to new editor Marvin E. Smith for outstanding *Pioneer*. His "News and Views" page is worth every chapter writing in an article. Also send clippings from papers to Secretary George Lloyd, 2998 South Connor Street, for our scrap book.

- H.H.J.

**LIFE MEMBERS**

(Cont. from page 16)

Bruce was born in Logan, Utah, 35 years ago. Following fundamental schooling he filled a church mission to the Eastern States and attended the Utah State University. His employment at the Logan Hospital has not prevented an earnest devotion to genealogy. Since becoming a member of the Temple Fork Chapter, S.U.P., he has served as a board member and is currently secretary of this active group. He becomes Life Member No. 177.

- G.C.L.

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**"COME SPRINGTIME, ANNIE"**

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through her back. She glanced at Neils once and noticed the snow collecting over his eyebrows, eyelashes and gathering thickly in his heavy beard. The snow continued to fall. It became harder and harder for the horses to pull the wagon through drifts that reached the wheel hubs.

**END OF THE ROAD**

By the time the snow became belly-deep to the horses, the little Cove Creek house came into view. Ann breathed a prayer of relief and allowed herself the luxury of shaking the snow from her scarf.

Her moment of relief was cut short, however, as she surveyed the interior of the house. No windows, no doors — no warmth. Despite the pain in her back and mounting fatigue, Ann moved quickly into action. Within moments a fire was burning in the fireplace and blankets were appearing in all the windows and over doorways.

The storm continued all through that night while the couple struggled in vain to keep the house warm. By morning they had made their decision. Together with a pick and shovel ("Mind yer fingers, woman . . .") they spent the next two days fashioning a dugout near the house. It was deep and dark but oh, how warm! They spent the first comfortable night they had known for almost two weeks, inside the ground with a featherbed for a door.

**SNOWBOUND SOLITUDE**

Several days passed in snowbound solitude. Then the specter that had been peering over their shoulders all winter reared its ugly head. They were out of food. Neils had found a small cache of wheat that Ann's father had

intended for seeding in the spring. She had boiled it for a kind of bland mash ("Awful, ain't it . . ."). For a change of pace, she ground it between two stones and using her wedding veil as a sieve, she strained it and made a salt-rising bread. Now even this was almost gone. Starvation was not far away. Ann was in no condition to travel over the treacherous snow-choked trail. For the same reason, Neils would not leave her to go on to Beaver for help. Their hunger mounted. Huddled together in the dugout, they waited ("I love you, Neils . . ."). Silently waited.

Then, as if through a fog, they awakened one frozen morning to the sound of voices outside the dugout. Half unbelieving, they pushed the featherbed aside to find travelers from Fillmore passing through to Cedar City. With grateful tears streaming down her cheeks, Ann told the travelers of her family in Beaver.

Within days, Charles and Eleanor Willden arrived at Cove Creek ("Ann, girl, yer so thin . . .") with a wagon-load of doors, windows and food. They had come to stay.

**COVE FORT**

It was here that a fort was eventually built to protect the Willdens and numerous travelers from Indian attacks. It was here that, many years later, a plaque would be erected in honor of Charles Willden and his family, a plaque bearing the name "The Old Cove Fort." And six weeks after their arrival it was here that the first baby was born at Cove Creek. On April 24, 1861, in their cellar home, little Hanna Jane Johnson was born to a proud father ("Look at them tiny hands! . . .") and his fifteen-year-old wife.

Ann Willden Johnson smiled as the warm April sun danced on her face. Her baby was safe in her arms, there was no more hunger and Neils ("I love you, too, Annie . . .") was busy getting the field ready for seeding. She would know many more harsh winters and hungry times before her death in 1920. But right now, just as Neils had promised, life was good. Spring had come to Cove Creek, and a tired young mother had finally come home.

# HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

*By Major Mance H. Vaught  
Placerville, California*

## SEEING IS NOT ALWAYS BELIEVING

Most maps of the "Historic Route" traveled by the U.S. Mormon Battalion in the six-months march with particular attention to the last leg of the trek from Santa Fe to San Diego, indicates the trail extended almost due west after crossing the Colorado River south of Yuma, Arizona. Our research, including direct conversation with immediate descendants of members of this famous U.S. Battalion, point to an almost due south direction for 25 to 30 miles extending into "Old" Mexico.

This was done primarily (1) to avoid the treacherous sand dunes west of the Colorado and (2) to find life saving water in known wells including the "Hondo Poso" south of the dunes. From this point as far as can be determined, the old original trail turns northwest, entering what is now Imperial County, California, near Mount Signal which sits astride the border south of El Centro.

## MORMON YOUTH RESEARCHING AND PRESERVING HISTORY

Youthful members of the present day U.S. Mormon Battalion, principally those belonging to the El Centro Wards, Yuma Stake, including Venturers and Explorer Scouts are researching and exploring with plans to mark the old trail in a portion of Imperial County. Permission has already been granted by the State of California for them to place an historical monument at the newly planned Sun Beam Lake rest area, about seven miles west of El Centro on Interstate 8. This is according to "Bill" Farris youth leader in the El Centro Ward and Captain in the U.S. Mormon Battalion.

"It is conceivable this could be completed this year," Capt. Farris stated recently. The energetic group of young people are also laying plans to place a smaller marker on California Highway 98 paralleling the international border through a portion of this southernmost county of the Golden State. From a social angle this group has plans (1975) for an Auxiliary as some of the young ladies are getting interested.

After leaving the area of Mount Signal the original Battalion trail turns northwest to enter the eastern San Diego County, through the Carrizo Wash. According to diaries left by these early pioneer veterans it was in this community many of them almost perished for lack of water. Apparently the only moisture available for almost 50 miles was the old De Anza well in the Yuma Desert. This would be early January 1847. Records indicate extreme weather, days were hot and nights freezing cold. Research by the Junior U.S. Mormon Battalion discloses the original Battalion traveled much of the time at night in this area."

## OLD FORT SITE

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Holladay — Salt Lake County, Utah by Elizabeth Newman Hutchinson has reported the following additional information: "In 1853 the Indian Chief Walker and his braves massacred Capt. Gunnison in Central Utah and other Indian troubles had taken place.

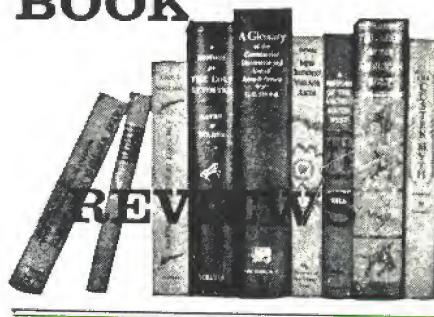
The William Casto home formed part of the wall at the east end on 48th South. I remember hearing Brother Casto and my father talking about the wall one Sunday when I was five years old . . . Between the Holladay Chapel grounds, the school grounds, Hugo Lane and Holladay Blvd. on the east there is a triangle of land. The south side was part of the old mud fort built for protection from the Indians. The apex of this triangle was the tithing yard for the Holladay Ward. The old barn, storehouse and scales for weighing the hay and grain were still there, though long unused in 1900 when the land was cleared and sold . . ."

The plaque has been placed on the east wall of the Auditorium which appears to be in the Fort area based on the above evidence. We hope this plaque will serve to remind future generations of the hardships to which our ancestors contended in building this Intermountain Empire.

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This edition gives Stanford J. Layton, its new managing editor and Miriam B. Murphy, his associate, a running start with their new assignments and an opportunity to display their remarkable versatility and artistry.

A bit surprising are articles on the seldom discussed "Utah Goes Dry" and "Cigarette Prohibition." These are handled with tact and skill and are most revealing. It is disclosed that Utah had prohibition of liquor a year and a half before the Eighteenth Amendment was ratified. It is reminded that the Beehive State cast the decisive vote on the Twenty-first Amendment which brought prohibition in the nation to an end.

These stories are told by Larry B. Nelson on the liquor issue and S. H. Smith on cigarettes. E. Ferol Benavides has a most intriguing article on "Curanderismo", anent the culture and customs of American-Mexicans in Utah and of Spanish-speaking South America. "The Irony of Mormon History" by Paul M. Edwards, rounds out this pleasing edition of The Quarterly."

—Harold H Jenson

*The Benson Book*  
**Pres. Eisenhower  
 Most Persuasive**

Pres. Eisenhower was most persuasive in his request that Pres. Ezra Taft Benson remain on and on as secretary of agriculture, while Pres. McKay was most desirous that the secretary return to his place in the Council of the Twelve Apostles. This is President Benson's report on this dramatic situation, from his new book "God, Family and Country," just off the press:

"I have had many pleasant memories with my brethren in the Council of the Twelve. There were eight years when I missed being there, having been appointed secretary of agriculture by Pres. Eisenhower . . . I accepted the appointment with the intention of staying for two years, then at the insistence of Mr. Eisenhower staying on another two years and then four more . . ."

President McKay made a special trip to Washington to see Pres. Eisenhower, "I didn't even tell my counselors I was leaving this morning," reported the Church leader. "I just had the impression to get on the plane and go and ask if he wouldn't release you (Sec. Benson). You have been here four years."

President Eisenhower saw President McKay almost immediately. "I hope you were successful," Elder Benson asked President McKay.

"No, I was not," replied President McKay. "Of course they cannot force you to stay, but I think we have an obligation to our country and that we should accede to Pres. Eisenhower's wishes. I think you should stay on."

So, for another four years, Sec. Benson stayed on as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, making eight in all.

—HHJ

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## DR. MILTON R. HUNTER

Born October 25, 1902, died June 25, 1975. Member of First Council of Seventy.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers and the U.S. Mormon Battalion have lost a good friend in the passing of Dr. Milton R. Hunter who was with us in 1950 on our Battalion trek over part of the historic 2000 mile march, and spoke at every meeting. We learned to respect him and gained much historic information. He also was a member of Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club.

My pet slogan, "Spoken words soon die, but writing, like Dr. Hunter's many books and articles, if well preserved, like monuments of stone will live on forever, a record that will never die and will continue to aid thousands in their study of church history."

We shall all miss him. His hobby was proving the Book of Mormon from a temporal standpoint.

—H. H. J.

## HYRUM J. RICHARDS

Hyrum John Richards, 83, 4974 S. Redwood Road, died Aug. 10, 1975, in a Murray hospital of a heart attack. Born Jan. 30, 1892, Mendon, Cache County to Hyrum Thomas and Agnes Muir Richards. Married Geneva Laub, March 29, 1916, in the Logan Temple. She died May 31, 1946. Married Bessie Carney June 30, 1953, in Salt Lake City. Member of LDS Church; served a mission to northeastern states. Active dairy farmer; secretary treasurer of Farm Bureau; mayor of Mendon eight years; member of Sons of Utah Pioneers and Mormon Battalion; retired from Motor Vehicle Department.

Survivors: wife; son, daughter, Hyrum Jay, Mendon; Mrs. Merlin (Cleo) Copen, Denver, Colo; three step-children; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; brother, M. M. Richards, Mendon.



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## JOSEPH W. NEVILLE, JR.

Joseph William Neville Jr., 74, of 95 S. 6th E., died Friday, May 23, 1975 at his home of a heart attack.

He was born May 26, 1900, in Salt Lake City, a son of Joseph William and Milford Detta Shipp Neville.

He married Julia Taylor on June 11, 1926, in the Salt Lake Temple.

He had been engaged in real estate in Kaysville and was a licensed real estate appraiser. He was a civil engineer.

He attended the University of Utah and taught engineering there. He had lived in Salt Lake City, Eureka and Ogden and for the past 25 years had lived in Kaysville.

He was president of the Kaysville City Planning Commission, a member of the Kaysville Rotary Club, and Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He had worked as a civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation and was land surveyor at Hill Air Force Base. He was a member of the Kaysville LDS 9th Ward and a temple worker.

Survivors include his widow of Kaysville; three sons and two daughters, Joseph T. Neville of Silver Springs, Md.; Dr. Bruce T. Neville of Layton; Robert T. Neville of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Mrs. Robert C. (Anne) Gustaveson of Pomona, Calif.; Mrs. Drew (Nancy) VanWagoner of Bountiful.

Twenty-six grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters, Walter Neville of Ogden; Sherrill Neville of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Margaret Winters of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Verna Sinis of Salt Lake City.

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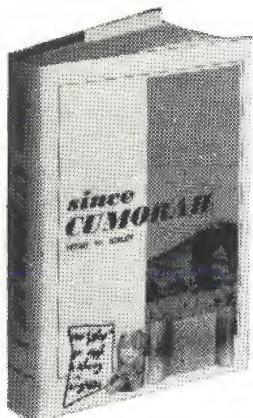
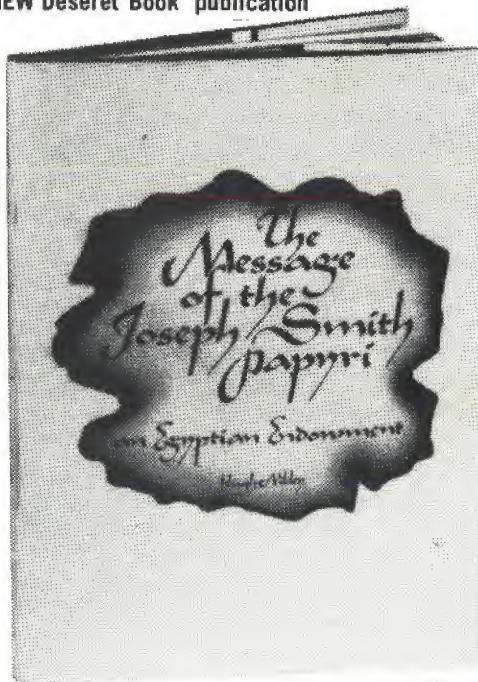


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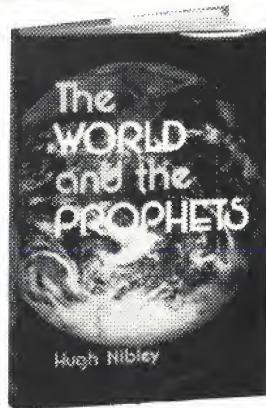


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